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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to extend warm greetings to all those gathered with parents, teachers, students, faculty, and staff for the annual kickoff luncheon event for the New Jersey GEAR UP state project.

Here in New Jersey, education is a top priority. Providing a top-quality education is paramount for the lives of our children, helping them develop into happy, healthy and well-adjusted adults. If our students are to be successful in the workforce of today and the economy of tomorrow, then they must have the education and skills necessary to achieve their fullest potential.

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I wish to recognize those who have contributed their time, effort, and skills to the success of the GEAR UP initiative, and commend the students participating in this project. It has long been recognized that you are the most precious resource of our Nation. May your strong work ethic continue to serve as a model for other students in our State.

Best hopes for a most enjoyable and memorable event. My Administration is committed to providing a State government that works for all the people of New Jersey. With stability and dignity, we have the power to make our lives better.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Codey".

Richard J. Codey
Acting Governor